

Qualitative Interview Questions

Enabling Successful Migration for Youth in Addis Ababa

Respondent Code:

CONSENT: Did the investigator complete the oral informed consent process, and did the respondent give his/her complete consent to participate in the interview?

Investigator name:

Investigator Signature:

Introductory Questions/Demographics

1. Gender
2. Age
3. Where are you from?
4. Where do you live now?
5. When did you arrive in Addis?
6. Are you married?
7. Do you have any children? Where are they?

Migration Background

1. Where were you living before Addis?
2. What was life like in your home village? Why did you leave? What did your family think of you coming to Addis?
3. How did you choose Addis? Did you consider any other locations?
4. Did you come to Addis with others? If yes, who? Are they still here? Are you still in touch with them?
5. What were your first two weeks in Addis like? How did you find work, food, housing, etc?

Intended Migration Destination

1. How long did you plan to stay in Addis before you came? If you weren't expecting to stay here permanently, where did you expect to go?
2. Now that you have been here a while, has your plan changed? Do you plan to stay in Addis or go somewhere else? Where? Why?
3. Where do you see yourself living after you get married? Where do you see yourself raising your children in the future?

Current Livelihood Strategies

1. What was your (or your family's) main form of livelihood before coming to Addis?
2. What are you doing for work right now? If multiple jobs, which is the most important?
3. Do you have any other sources of income or in-kind assistance?
4. Did you need any special skills for this job? Did you have to learn anything in order to succeed at this job?
5. How do you feel about your work in Addis? Is this a good job? Why or why not?
6. Have you had any other jobs in Addis? What was your experience like at these other jobs? What made you switch into different work?
7. What would be your ideal job in Addis? Why?
8. Do you think it is easy or difficult is it for young people from rural areas to find work in Addis? Why or why not? Is it harder for some people than others? Why?

Human Capital

1. Did you attend school in your village? What kind of school, and for how long? What grade did you go up to? Why did you stop?
2. Have you participated in any technical or vocational training programs in your home village or here in Addis? What kind?
3. What skills do you wish you had that you do not?
4. Have you had any health problems, either before or after coming to Addis?

Social Capital

1. Did you know anyone in Addis before you arrived? Who, and how did you know them? Youth or adults? Did this influence your migration decision in any way? Did this person or people help you when you arrived?
2. How easy or hard has it been to meet people in Addis?
3. Who do you consider your closest connections in Addis? How did you meet, and what do you do together? How often do you see them or speak to them? Do they live nearby?
4. If you had a medical emergency and needed help, is there someone you could ask? Who and why?
5. If you needed a short-term loan, is there someone you could ask? Who and why?
6. Have you been asked to give assistance to others in emergencies? If yes, who and for what purpose?
7. Do you keep in touch with family or friends from your village? How often and through what means? If no, why?
8. How safe do you feel in your home? What about your neighborhood? At work? Traveling from your home to work?

Financial Capital

1. How did you support yourself financially when you first arrived?
2. Have you accessed financial services in Addis? I.e., a bank, credit union, savings group, mobile money, or microfinance institution? Have you used these services often? If you don't use them, why not?
3. Do you borrow or take credit? If yes, how and from whom?
4. Do you lend money? How and to whom?
5. How much do you earn right now in a typical day/week/month?
6. What are your main expenses in Addis? Are your earnings usually enough to cover these expenses?
7. Are you able to save money? If yes, through what means? How much? Where? For which purpose? If no, why?
8. Are there people in your village who ask you to send them money? Who? How much? Which method? For what purpose?
9. Have you had to pay for any large, unexpected expenses, such as a medical emergency for you or a family member? If yes, how have you managed to do so? If no, how would you respond?

Natural Capital

1. Does your family have any land? If yes, how much? Is the land good quality for farming? Do you expect to inherit any of this land? If your family is pastoral, how hard or easy it is for them to access land for grazing?
2. Was your access to land for farming or grazing a factor in your migration to Addis?

Livelihood Shocks, Coping Mechanisms, and Resilience

1. In your village, did your family ever experience a shock or a sudden event that threatened your livelihood?
 - a. Were there any sudden changes in price,
 - b. Illness of a family member,
 - c. Death of a family member,
 - d. Drought,
 - e. Flooding,
 - f. Disease of crops,
 - g. Disease of livestock,
 - h. Theft,
 - i. Other?
2. How did your family cope with these shocks? (Possible probes: using savings, selling livestock, prayer, access credit, changed livelihood, etc.) Did some strategies work better than others?
3. Did these shocks contribute to your decision to migrate?
4. Have you had any livelihood shocks since coming to Addis?
5. How did you cope with these shocks? How was this different than how you had previously or would have coped in the rural area? Which strategies were more effective?

Physical Capital

1. Which assets do you have access to here in Addis? (Bicycle, mobile phone, farming tools, etc.) How do these compare to the assets that were available in the village?
2. Which services have you been able to access in Addis? (Electricity, Internet, NGO or government programs, etc.) How do these compare to the services that were available in the village?
3. Which assets and services have been most important or helpful for your livelihood in Addis so far? Are there any that you plan to access in the future?
4. Are there any assets or services that you would like to own or access, but can't? What kind of barriers exist for you?

Perceptions of Success, Failure, and Aspirations

1. What are your goals in Addis?
2. How do you see your life in 10 years from now?
3. What is the best and worst part about life in Addis?
4. Can you think of a youth migrant you know of who is really succeeding? Describe him/her, and why you think this person is successful.
5. Do you know any youth migrants who have had a very negative experience in Addis? What happened to them? Did they stay, go home, or go elsewhere?
6. What did you expect your life to be like in Addis? How is life here different than your expectations?
7. Looking back, did you have a good plan when you arrived here? If so, why was this a good plan? If not, how would you have planned better?
8. What advice would you give to someone else like you who is considering moving to Addis?
9. What do you think you need to do to become successful in Addis? What do you need to do in order to avoid failure?

Programming

1. Since you've come to Addis, have any organizations or programs helped you?

2. What kind of assistance would have been most helpful to you when you first arrived in Addis? What kind of assistance would be helpful to you now?
3. Do you have any other advice for what organizations could do to help youth like you who have come to Addis from rural areas for job opportunities?

Closing:

1. Is there anything else that you would like to add, or do you have any questions about the study?
2. Thank you so much for your time. We have this small gift of airtime to thank you for participating.
3. In the next few weeks, we will continue to another part of the assessment. The questions will be similar to the ones we asked you today, but they will require shorter answers. We are looking for more youth like you, between ages 18-30 and who came to Addis from the rural areas (both girls and boys), to participate. We are hoping that you might be able to help us find more youth to participate. Would you consider passing on our contact information to a few of your friends?
 - a. If yes, give them up to three contact cards. If you would like, please distribute these contact cards to up to three of your friends, neighbors, or colleagues who might be interested. If you want to give out the contact cards, great, but if you don't want to, no problem. You can tell them about your experience and the types of questions that we asked. If they want, your friends can call us at any time to ask questions, get more information, and schedule a time to talk with us. You can tell them that this conversation will last about an hour. Similar to this interview, we are not able to offer them any type of payment or compensation, but we will offer them the same gift of airtime as a thank you. Do you have any questions?
 - b. If not, no problem. We understand. Thank you so much.